

2022

YOUTH POETRY

CONTEST WINNERS

INDIANA STATE
WINNERS



Seeds, Trees and Bees – Oh My!
Celebrating the Diversity of
Nature

The 2022 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry contest was open to all youth in Kindergarten through Ninth Grade. The contest was designed to excite and encourage youth to explore their creative thoughts through poetry.

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The theme of the 2022-2023 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Youth Poetry Contest was:

Seeds, Trees and Bees ... Oh My! - Celebrating the Diversity of Nature

Youth in Kindergarten through Ninth Grade were invited to participate by sending their poems to their local garden club. Winning poems from each garden club were sent to the state competition. This booklet contains the state winning poems for each grade level. State winners will be sent to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Region competition; and those winners will be sent to the national competition.

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... is a non-profit educational organization, formed in 1930, to stimulate knowledge of gardening; to aid in the protection of trees, plants and birds; and to promote civic beautification. The fundamental objectives are expanded to meet the needs of today: community beautification; roadside development; good horticultural practices; litter control; aid in the protection of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and birds; and preservation and restoration of historic sites.

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First Grade Winner

Ryan F., Danville, IN

My Apple Tree

Big, fat buzzing bees
On the flower of my tree
I know that soon there'll be
Big, red apples just for me.



Second Grade Winner

Abigail R., Pittsboro, IN

Blue Birds

beautiful, beautiful
blue birds
they are very beautiful
i love them
i love them
they are so beautiful



Fourth Grade Winner

Mitchell M., Crown Point, IN

Nature

Nutrients from plants for our bodies

Ants that eat green rotten apples

Trees that help clean our air

Underground fresh soil to help grow plants

Rivers that provide water

Enjoying nature to the fullest.



Fifth Grade Winner

Emma B., North Salem, IN

Nature is Beautiful

Hear the buzzing bees,
Their honey is the sweetest,
Watch them make honey,
Makes the air we breathe,
The rustling of the leaves,
Trees smell like flowers,
Plant them in the ground,
Watch them grow into huge trees,
Seeds are something great.



Sixth Grade Winner

Ella F., Danville, IN

Buzzing Bees

Bees in the garden
Big, little, black and yellow
Buzzing around me.

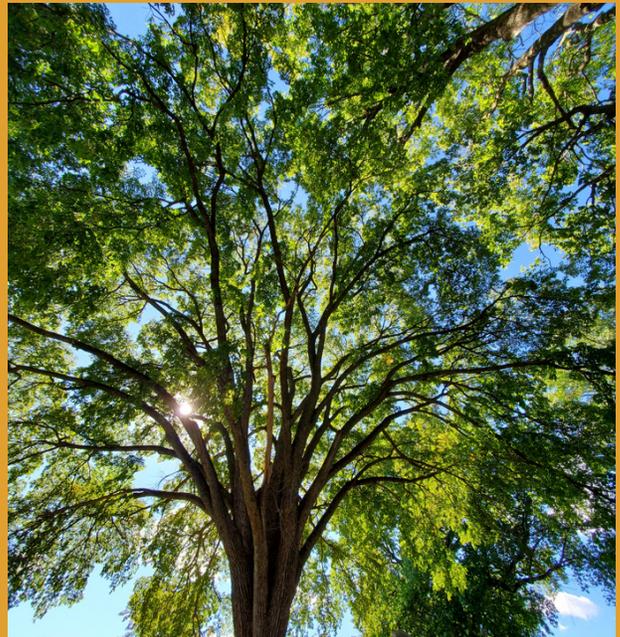


Seventh Grade Winner

Hadassah R., Pittsboro, IN

The Forest

In the forest where the tall oak grows,
Its limbs swaying, as the wind blows.
Poison ivy creeps up the formidable white pine
Near the stream watercress grows fine.
Willow, beech, aspen and elm;
Grow stately in this kingly realm.
Moss spreads over trees and stones,
Blowing through the trees, the wind moans.
Poisonous, purple stemmed hemlock
Purslane hidden in the cleft of a rock.
Papaw, birch, and spruce trees:
Homes for many birds and bees.
Here grows the feathery fleabane,
Water glistens on it after the rain.
Goldenrod bends in the breeze
The God of Heaven and Earth, specially made
each one of these.





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